

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1733 - HB 1891

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires any person enrolling as a full-time or part-time student at a public or private institution of higher education, to present evidence of vaccinations against hepatitis A and B prior to enrollment or shall complete vaccinations within 9 months after enrollment.
- Provides that the institution shall provide enrolling persons with educational information concerning hepatitis A and B. The institution is not required to provide or pay for such vaccinations.
- Provides that a student shall not be required to receive a vaccination for hepatitis A or B if:
 - the student furnishes a written statement from a licensed physician certifying that immunization is medically contraindicated; or
 - the student files a signed, written statement with the institution that such immunization conflicts with the student's religious tenets and practices. If the student is a minor, the student's parent or guardian shall file the statement. The written statement shall be affirmed under the penalties of perjury.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes:

- there is insufficient staff at the institutions to carry out requirements of the bill.
- the institutions would be responsible for providing educational information and maintaining and updating records of all enrolling students to determine whether students had provided the institution with proper documentation of vaccination or exception.
- the institution would have to do follow-ups after nine months' enrollment period on those students who did not present evidence upon enrolling, since vaccination is a condition of continued attendance at the institution.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director